

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17-18 Oct. 66 0300Z	2. LOCATION Port Charlotte-Punta Gorda, Florida Multiple
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(S/P) ✓ <i>for it</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 7	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Up to 3½ hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers for three straight nights watched 7 star like objects in various parts of the sky. The objects had no discernible shape; just appearing as distant lights. The color of the objects was white with pulsating red and green lights. There was no discernible flight path noted or any type of noise. The objects were still visible when the last observer went to bed at approximately 2330 local. Investigating official at MacDill AFB felt that the observers actually saw only stars which appeared to change colors. The different colors were caused by the prismatic effect of the earth's atmosphere. A Dr. Heinrich Eichhorn, chairman of the University of South Florida's astronomy department was contacted and he described the phenomenon as irregular atmospheric dispersion.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Bx-Tx	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM

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17-19 OCT 66

Port Charlotte Punta Gorda
FLA

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 15TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TAC)
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33608



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

15 DOI

24 Oct 1966

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, the following information regarding reported UFO's is submitted.

2. Several residents of Charlotte County, Florida sighted several bright white lights alternately blinking red and green on the nights of the 17th, 18th, and 19th of October 1966.

3. Description of the object:

a. The objects had no discernible shape. They appeared as distant lights.

b. The objects were the same size as a large star.

c. The color of the objects was white with pulsating red and green lights.

d. Seven objects were sighted.

e. The objects were located in various parts of the sky; two in the west, two in the east, and three in the north.

f. No discernible features or details were noted.

g. No tail, trail or exhaust were evident.

h. No sounds were heard.

i. N/A.

4. Description of course of objects:

a. The observers saw the objects while looking at the stars.

b. The angles of elevation ranged from 20° to 45°.

c. The angles of elevation remained the same.

d. The objects were stationary.

e. The objects did not disappear. They were still visible when the last observer went to bed at 2330.

f. The objects were visible for three hours and thirty minutes.

5. Manner of observation:

a. Ground visual was the method of observation.

b. The following optical aids were used:

(1) Binoculars - Amico 7x50.

(2) Rifle scope - power and type unknown.

(3) Telescope - power and type unknown.

6. Time and date of sightings:

a. The sightings occurred:

(1) 18/0300Z.

(2) 19/0400Z.

(3) 20/0400Z.

b. The sightings were made at night.

7. Location of observers:

a. Mr. [REDACTED] Port Charlotte, Fla.

b. Mrs. [REDACTED] Port Charlotte, Fla.

c. Mr. [REDACTED] Port Charlotte, Fla.

d. Mrs. [REDACTED] Port Charlotte, Fla.

e. Mr. [REDACTED] Punta Gorda, Fla.

f. Mrs. [REDACTED] Punta Gorda, Fla.

g. Mr. [REDACTED] Punta Gorda, Fla.

h. Lt [REDACTED] Punta Gorda, Fla.

8. Identifying information on observers:

a. Civilian:

(1) Mr. [REDACTED]; 66 years old; [REDACTED]
Port Charlotte, Florida; retired; source seemed reliable.

(2) Mrs. [REDACTED]; 68 years old; [REDACTED]
Port Charlotte, Florida; housewife; source seemed reliable.

(3) Mr. [REDACTED]; 67 years old; retired design
engineer; [REDACTED] Port Charlotte, Florida; source seemed
reliable.

(4) Mrs. [REDACTED]; 65 years old; housewife; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Port Charlotte, Florida; source seemed reliable.

(5) Mr. [REDACTED]; 44 years old; automobile sales manager;
[REDACTED], Punta Gorda, Florida; source seemed reliable.

(6) Mrs. [REDACTED]; 41 years old; legal secretary; [REDACTED]
Punta Gorda, Florida; source seemed reliable.

(7) Mr. [REDACTED]; 42 years old; newspaper reporter;
[REDACTED], Punta Gorda, Florida; source seemed reliable.

(8) Lt. [REDACTED]; 49 years old; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Punta Gorda, Florida; source seemed reliable.

b. N/A.

9. Weather:

a. All observers stated that the weather was clear at the time
of sightings.

b. The Weather Bureau gave the reporting office the following
weather reports:

(1) October 17th - clear; surface winds SE, calm.

(2) October 18th - clear; surface winds SE, 8 knots.

(3) October 19th - clear; surface winds SE, 5 knots.

10. Comments of investigating officer: All of the observers listed
in this report seemed rational and it is the investigator's opinion
that they saw the objects as described. However, it is felt that the
observers actually only saw stars which appeared to change colors. The

different colors were caused by the prismatic effect of the earth's atmosphere. The above phenomenon was described by Dr. Heinrich Eichhorn, chairman of the University of South Florida's astronomy department, as irregular atmospheric dispersion.

FOR THE COMMANDER



B. S. KELLER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy Commander for Operations

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At approximately 2200 hours local the following astronomical bodies visible in the area of the sighting.

Capella	48 degree Az/22 degree elevation
Aldebaran	80 degree Az/18 degree elevation
Formalhaut	185 degree Az/30 degree elevation
Altair	260 degree Az/35 degree elevation
Vega	300 degree Az/30 degree elevation